

641—83.8 (135) Component groups. The council shall maintain component groups that address key components of the early childhood system in the state. The component groups shall ensure that each component of the system is present and functioning as well as possible and shall work, as appropriate, on the implementation of specific strategies within the ECI strategic plan.

83.8(1) The council may change component groups as deemed necessary by the council. Initially, there shall be six component groups:

- a.* Governance, planning and administration.
- b.* Professional development.
- c.* Public engagement.
- d.* Quality services and programs.
- e.* Resources and funding.
- f.* Results accountability.

83.8(2) Two co-chairpersons of each component group shall provide leadership for the six component groups and serve on the steering committee.

a. One co-chairperson from each component group shall represent government and one co-chairperson shall represent nongovernment organizations.

b. The term of office for all component group co-chairpersons shall be three years. If a co-chairperson is unable to complete the person's term, an interim co-chairperson will be appointed. No co-chairperson shall serve more than two consecutive terms. However, whenever a vacancy occurs, any person appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. After having served the unexpired term, the appointee may hold that office for two three-year terms. The terms of the co-chairpersons shall be staggered.

c. The process to apply for a position as a co-chairperson of a component group shall be developed by the governance, planning and administration component group and approved by the ECI council. The governance, planning and administration component group shall oversee the application and selection process.

d. Co-chairpersons shall be selected by each component group by the start of the state fiscal year and then reviewed by the steering committee to ensure broad representation. The ECI council shall vote on component group co-chairpersons at the first council meeting of the state fiscal year. The vote shall be determined by the majority of members present at the meeting.